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SUBJECT: MEETING OF JOINT CONGOLESE-ROMANIAN COMMISSION

1. CONGOLESE-ROMANIAN MIXED COMMISSION FINISHED 4-DAYS' WORK APRIL 21. ROMANIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE-MINISTER OF ECONOMY FOR FORESTRY AND CONSTRUCTION GHEORGHE LAZAR; CONGOLESE DELEGATION HEADED BY ACTING FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION MINISTER TATI-LOUTARD. RESULT OF MEETINGS, WHICH WERE EXTENDED BEYOND ANTICIPATED LENGTH, WAS AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, AGRICULTURAL AND CULTURAL AREAS.

2. COMMENT: CONGOLESE HAVE BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH ROMANIAN WORK HERE TO DATE, AS THEY WERE WITH COMMISSION MEETINGS, EVEN TO EXTENT OF NOT HAVING GONE TO AIRPORT TO SEE LAZAR OFF. ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL PROJECT AT MADINGOU HAS FALLEN FAR BELOW ANTICIPATED PRODUCTION OF RICE AND CORN, TO SAY NOTHING OF COTTON. IT WAS LATTER CROP FOR WHICH ROMANIAN PRESENCE WAS SOUGHT THERE, BUT IT HAS YET TO BE PRODUCED IN QUANTITY. FURTHER, ROMANIAN
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SYNTHETIC FIBER FACTORY HAS YET TO PRODUCE A SYNTEHTIC FIBER. LASTLY, CONGOLESE WERE QUITE WROUGHT UP OVER FACT THAT TRACTORS SHIPPED RECENTLY TO CONGO, AS NEW EXPORTS FROM VICTORIA FACTORY IN ROMANIA, IN FACT WERE PAINTED-OVER OLD SWEDISH TRACTORS.
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